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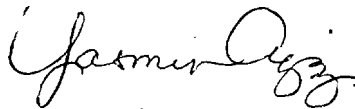
Re: Docket Numbers: 98N- 1230; 96P-04 18; 97P-0 197

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding public health hazards caused by forced molting practices imposed upon hens for the purpose of increasing egg production. Given the scientific evidence demonstrating the direct correlation between forced molting and the increase in salmonella poisoning to hens and their eggs, as well as the obvious cruelty of this practice, I urge you to ban forced molting. I hope that you will take necessary preventative steps beyond simple reactive measures of allowing forced molting to continue spreading disease in the community and then placing warning labels on the resultant food products. Please exercise your powers to help keep people and animals healthy by granting the April 1998 petition to ban forced molting.

Thank you for your time and help with this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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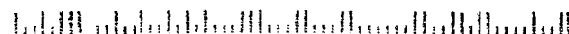
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